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SUBJ: REPORT OF VISIT WITH C/S, KUWAIT ARMED FORCES

1. COL MURPHREE MET WITH CHIEF OF STAFF GEN MUBAREK MAR 10, AND DISCUSSED FUTURE OF US MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO KUWAIT. GEN MUBAREK VERY CORDIAL AND INTERESTED IN CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH UNUZED STATES.

2. RE: AIRCRAFT, COL MURPHREE REVIEWED OUR ASSESSMENT AVIATION REQUIREMENT AND SUPPORTED OUR RECOMMENDATION. ALSO POINTED OUT LONG-TERM ADVANTAGES INTRODUCING AMERICAN AIRCRAFT INTO KAF. MUBAREK ACKNOWLEDGED ADVANTAGES, BUT CONFIRMED KUWAITIS WERE CURRENTLY INTERESTED IN OTHER THAN US AIRCRAFT. DOOR LEFT OPEN FOR RECONSIDERATION US AIRCRAF.

3. RE: US MILITARY MISSION IN KUWRIT, MUBAREK SAID HE WAS INTERESTED US PERSONNEL TRAINING KUWAITI TO USE US EQUIPMENT. WOULD DISCUSS FURTHER AFTER THEY HAD GOTTEN "EVERYTHING OUT OF THE WAY" (CASES SIGNED). INTENTION WOULD BE THAT
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TRAINING AND ASSISTANCE WOULD MAKE THEM SELF-SUFFICIENT ON

US EQUIPMENT WITHIN A YEAR AFTER RECEIPT; THEREAFTER KUWAITIS THEMSELVES WOULD MAINTAIN TRAINING RESPONSIBILITY. TRAINING

WOULD INCLUDE ADMINISTRATIVE, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES. HE THOUGHT COL AND LTC, AND OTHERS IZ REQUIOBD, SHOULD BE HERE TO ADMINISTER SUCH EFFORT. HE GAVE NO COMMITMENT BUT INDICATED AREAS IN WHICH US LIKELY BE INVOLVED WOULD BE HAWK, TPS-32, INTEGRATION OF JOC INCLUDING AIR DEFENSE CENTER, TRUCKS, M60A1'2, APC'S (NOW M13A1'S) AND TOW. COL MURPHREE SPECIFICALLY ASKED MUBAREK ABOUT US ADVISORY ROLE, IF ANY: IN REPLY HE RELATED OUR ROLE TO ADVISING IN ABOVE AREAS.

4. COMMENT: COL MURPHREE'S CONVERSATION WITH CHIEF OF STAFF CONFIRMS OUR VIEW THAT AS OF NOW, AT LEAST, KUWAITIS DO NOT DESIRE ANY GOVERNMENT, BRITISH, FRENCH OR AMERICAN, TO ASSUME OVER-ALL ADVISORY ROLE IN COUNTRY. AS LONG AS KUWAITIS BUY EQUIPMENT FROM US, THEY WANT SOME US GROUP HERE WHOSE OBJECTIVE WOULD BE TO ADMINISTER PROGRAM THAT WOULD EVENTUALLY MAKETHEM SELF-RELIANT THAT SYSTEM. TECHNICALLY OUR ADVISORY ROLE WOULD BE LIMITED TO THAT MISSION. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT RULE OUR POSSIBILITY US MILITARY MISSION ROLE COULD GROW AS POLITICAL CONTRAINTS RELAX.
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